



## 2015 TOWN OF FAIRFAX

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**SELECTBOARD MEETING  
MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 2015  
7:00 PM**

The drafted minutes presented below are unapproved subject to corrections and/or additions at the next Selectboard meeting. Those corrections and/or additions will be written to an amended version of the minutes, which will also be made available to the public.

**Selectboard Members Present:** Tom Fontaine, Chair, Peter King, Vice-Chair, Randy DeVine, Leebeth Ann Lemieux and Lauri Fisher.

**Public Present:** Mary Kay Raymond, Katrina Antonovich, Peggy Matthews, Jen Howard, Susannah Chamberlin and Mark Hitchcox, Recreation Committee. Peggy Gilbert, representative from the United Church of Fairfax - Baptist Building; Katie Lyons, Roberta Rodimer, Barbara Murphy, Colin Santee, Deb Woodward, TC & Treasurer and David Mahoney from Vermont Connections Computer Service.

**Call to Order:** Tom called the budgeting meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

**Minutes:**

12.15.14 Peter made the motion to accept the minutes as written; seconded by Lauri. The vote was 5-0.

12.18.14: Peter made the motion to accept the minutes as written; seconded by Lauri. The vote was 5-0.

**Orders & Payroll:** The orders and payroll were not available at the time of the meeting, therefore will be reviewed later by Leebeth and Lauri.

**Public Comment/Correspondence:** David Mahoney, Vermont Connections Computer Services, is here this evening to discuss with the Board IT services and phone services, etc. for the town. He gave a quick run through of the history of the company and the services he thought would be helpful for the town. They presently support Westford and Enosburgh Falls, VT. David presented two options for the town at a starting cost of \$1,092.00 per month. A network assessment would need to be performed prior to a firm quote from VT Connections. The charge for the assessment is normally a one-time price of \$1500.00. However, if the town approves them as our IT provider, that charge would be credited back to the town.

1.5.15 Minutes Cont.

**D. Jay Leach, Road Foreman:**

D. Jay stated that the sand pile is holding up well as is the equipment. The new plow is ready for pick-up. The wood-chipper is ready to cut brush. D. Jay stated that the new employee is working out real well. D. Jay is going to do some research on mixing liquid magnesium chloride with salt to help alleviate the cost as salt prices are going up.

**Mary Kay Raymond and Katrina Antonovich - Recreation Department**

Special Accounts: A profit and loss statement for the 2014 Special Accounts was handed out to the Board members, which was reviewed.

Baptist building: If the town agrees to take ownership of the Baptist building, the "special account" would fund the annual cost of the building (insurance, mowing and electricity, etc.), per MaryKay Raymond. Katrina stated that there is currently \$95,000.00 in the "special account". This would also do away with the cost of storage as the materials could then be stored at the Baptist building. Katrina contacted the VLCT for legal advice and was told that the town can take a gift without the consent of the voters. Katrina will contact Attorney Monaghan to get the title search started.

*Memorandum of Understanding:*

\*Leebeth made the motion to accept the Fairfax Park and Recreation Department's Memorandum of Understanding between the Town of Fairfax, BFA Fairfax and the Fairfax Parks and Rec Department effective July 1, 2014 to December 1, 2015. Peter seconded the motion. All Board members in favor and Tom Fontaine, Chair signed on behalf of the Board.

Parks and Recreation Director position: A discussion was held on the hiring process for the Recreation Director. Mary Kay will construct some questions for the Board to ask the prospective candidates. The interviews will be setup for Monday, January 12<sup>th</sup> starting at 6 pm.

It was by consensus of the Board to not re-post the ad for the Rec. Director at this time. Who should be involved in the interviewing process for the position was also discussed.

**Randy DeVine, W/S Superintendent:**

A gravity feed line at the WWT plant became plugged between lagoons to the other. The town's 3" pump was unable to alleviate the plug. Randy contacted David Raymond with the Fairfax Fire Department to see if he would be able to help. They set up a time for David to bring down Engine 1. The lines were hooked up and were able to open the lines with a good even flow resulting. Randy thanks David for his help.

A battery backup failed with the chlorination pump at the Waste Treatment facility. The unit has been there since Randy started. He believes it's probably thirty years old. Steve Bessette looked into the problem and found that the circuit board had burned out. Randy stated that we would be in violation of the discharge permit if the electricity went out and we continued to discharge with no chlorination. A new unit has been ordered.

Randy was contacted by Ken Yelsey, State of Vermont, Water Supply Division. Ken had been contacted by resident requesting water. Randy explained the circumstances and that the resident is not in the town's water district.

1.05.15 Minutes Cont.

**Other Business:**

1. The Franklin County Sheriff's Department's upcoming contract renewal was discussed.
2. The Board also discussed sending out postcards with information regarding the new process for receiving a town report.
3. Clean Harbor's quote - Tom will check on the quote prices and dates will be set for the two events.

**Adjourn:**

9:00 PM: Peter made the motion to adjourn; seconded by Lauri. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

The minutes were respectfully submitted by Stacy Wells, Adm. Asst. to the Selectboard.

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Tom Fontaine, Chair  
Fairfax Selectboard  
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